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## CHAPTER XLII

### CONCLUSION

**B**Y favour of the Lord General Cromwell, I remained at Carberry Hall with my troop all through the winter and spring which followed the events described in the preceding pages. There was some serious fighting done at the front, but our army was invincible, and every day it captured a town, a castle, or a garrison. When early summer came Ireland was conquered and pacified.

From the time of Queen Elizabeth, nay, from the time of Strongbow, the English policy in Ireland had been to seize the lands and plant the English settlers on them. Our English Parliament now ordered this practice to be followed, and a great many of the Irish were transplanted beyond the river Shannon into Connaught. But while there was much hardship and much anguish inflicted on the native inhabitants through the enforcement of this ordinance, it was but the eternal result of invasion and war. Besides, while many hundreds were transplanted, many thousands were excepted from the operation of the law.

Despair and indolence drove many Irishmen to join